MEMORANDUM FOR:

Deputy Director for Intelligence

Deputy Director for Operations

Deputy Director for Science and Technology

Executive Secretary

FROM: Harry E. Fitzwater

Deputy Director for Administration

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1. Restricting access to cryptographic information regarding systems used by the Agency to secure its communications is vital to the security of Agency operations and information. This Agency has always taken the lead by insisting that rigid compartmentation systems be maintained for sensitive U.S. Government programs; its self-imposition and enforcement of the need-to-know principal is legendary. Espionage cases that have been given wide coverage by the news media recently have reinforced our belief in this fundamental safeguard.

The Office of Communications has reviewed its cryptographic clearance registry and finds that the large number of clearances to be excessive. Therefore, each Agency component, at the Directorate and Office/Division/Staff levels, is requested to review and validate the need for a cryptographic clearance by personnel assigned to its organization. Attachment A is a list that contains personnel currently assigned to components within your Directorate who have cryptographic clearances. Attachment B is a blank Form 1416C that should be used for debriefing those individuals who no longer have a need for the clearance. may be reproduced. For personnel who have left the Agency, the debriefing statement should be executed in absentia. The Compartmented Information Branch, Office of Security, has requested that the Security file number (if known), SSN and level of clearance held be annotated in the upper right hand corner of the form. Completed forms should be forwarded to: OC-CSD, ing. For your convenience, we have also included as Attachment C, a copy of Section 798 of Title 18 USC for use in debriefing. Please arrange with your unit Communications Security Officer or Security Officer for this debriefing. If the person to be

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debriefed is overseas, please advise the Communications Security Division and they will request the Telecommunications Officer at the Station/Base to debrief the individual, if appropriate.

3. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this endeavor. If you have any questions or need more information concerning this matter, please contact OC-CSD

Attachment:

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- A. Personnel Listing
- B. Form 1416C
- C. Section 798 of Title 18 USC



